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To Whom It May Concern:

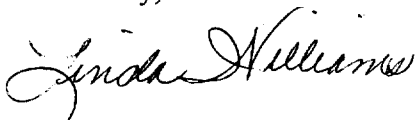
The main thing that sets our country apart from all others is our freedom.. I am appalled that the FDA is trying to take away my freedom to choose where I purchase my NATURAL hormones. I have been in pain and have had many other terrible symptoms for more than 2 years. Finally, after going to endocrinologists, GP's, and rheumatologists, I have found a doctor who prescribed something for me through Madison Pharmacy that has made me feel well again. All other doctors had prescribed pain pills and serotonin boosters to "cover up" my symptoms. I know many other women who are going through this and I was ready to spread the word about what Dr. Williamitis of Bonita Springs prescribed for me through Madison Pharmacy. Then I get word of this! I have remained confident, while men are walking on the moon, etc. - there is an answer for the women who suffer from fibromyalgia symptoms, other than to cover the symptoms with pain medication.

I have researched the internet and have gone to numerous doctors for an answer. This has taken much of my time and energy at a time I was not well. I finally found, thanks to Dr. Williamitis, a pharmacy that will make a prescription for my "unique" health needs. Because I feel so much better for the first time since I was stricken with these symptoms, I want to continue to get my prescriptions from the pharmacy I feel confident with. The personnel at Madison Pharmacy is a phone call away and they are very courteous and caring. The mental side of my illness is extremely important and feeling confident with those who make my prescriptions is of utmost importance.

I was informed that the FDA wants to limit an "inordinate amount" of prescriptions from being sent across state lines. Since this company has been in business for 20 years and I have only begun to use their services recently, I am very concerned I will be among the inordinate amount. How many is inordinate?

It took so long for our government to support research regarding women's health and what happens to us as hormones begin to decline. Now is the government going to control my choice of where I can buy these hormones? I'm sorry, but that makes me angry. I sincerely hope this doesn't happen.

Sincerely,



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